

Exports up 8% in year's 1st quarter

Jerusalem Post Economics Reporter
THE TRADE DEFICIT in the first quarter of this year was 31 per cent lower than in the same period in 1975, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The drop in the deficit from \$561m. to \$386m. resulted from an eight per cent decline in imports and an 18 per cent increase in exports.

The average monthly deficit was \$45m. in the first quarter compared with \$200m. in the middle of 1975. The decline in imports from \$1,058m. in the first quarter of 1975 to \$970m. in the first quarter of this year was caused by a nine per cent decline in imports of raw materials for industry. Imports of consumer goods went up by three per cent. Among these latter, the largest increase was a 37 per cent increase in imports of durables especially cars and household electrical equipment. Import of food declined by 20 per cent.

Net exports reached \$589m. compared with \$498m. in the first quarter of last year. A 31 per cent rise in agricultural exports together with a 28 per cent increase in exports of diamonds were the main cause. Industrial exports rose by only eight per cent.

Ephraim Dovrat, economic adviser to the Finance Minister, views the latest development rather optimistically. He told The Jerusalem Post last night that his optimism results from the following developments:

• The export figures for the first quarter exceed the estimates of the Treasury and the Bank of Israel as presented in the national budget. True, he said, the largest increases are in agriculture and in diamonds, but the targets for industrial exports are on the way to materializing unless there should be a significant adverse change in the economy. He added that periodic surveys show that industrialists share this optimism.

• One of the more positive developments in 1975 was that the decline in investments was limited to housing and transport while industrial investments went up by 15 per cent. This, he said, is in accordance with government policy, he stressed.

• The increase in prices in March and April was lower than had been estimated. Of the 9.5 per cent increase in these two months, about two per cent resulted from seasonal fluctuations, and five per cent from government measures such as reducing the subsidies for the basic commodities and increased taxes. The remaining 2.5 per cent is lower than the 1.5 per cent monthly increase in prices forecast in the national budget.

Mrs. Meir off to meet Ford

THE FORTHCOMING meeting between former Premier Golda Meir and President Gerald Ford in the U.S. was initiated by the White House and approved by Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, the latter told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday as he bade Mrs. Meir bon voyage.

Mrs. Meir was invited to the U.S. by George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, for the former labor union's federation head. She will also make fund-raising appearances.

BULLETIN:

Diplomatic sources in Washington said yesterday they had received reports that "two and possibly three" executions have taken place as an aftermath of last month's pro-Teng disturbances in Peking. The diplomatic sources believe this to be the beginning of a process of controlled upheaval. (UPI)

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Libya promises full backing for leftists

BEIRUT. — Libya yesterday promised full support for leftist Moslem forces in the Lebanese civil war as Moslem-Christian fighting redoubled in Beirut and the eastern mountains.

Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Salam Jalloud left Beirut after a one-day visit during which he met for 16 hours with leaders of the coalition of Lebanese leftists and Palestinians.

The Libyan Revolutionary Command would give "unlimited support" to all ranks of the Lebanese nationalist movement in whatever war or peace stage they agree on. Jalloud told the pro-Libyan paper "Al-Liwa". Libya is known to be giving generous financial and arms support to Palestinian and leftist Moslem groups.

Jalloud's visit did nothing to calm

Egypt-Syria mediation bid in Riyadh today

CAIRO. — High-level talks to heal the breach between Egypt and Syria are scheduled to open today in Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capital.

Prime Ministers Moustafa Salem of Egypt and Mahmoud al-Ayyubi of Syria will face each other at the conference table, with Saudi Crown Prince and First Deputy Premier Fahd bin Abdul-Aziz and Kuwaiti Premier Jaber al-Ahmed sitting as mediators.

The talks were arranged last week by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait whose political influence stems partly from the fact they are the largest Arab aid donors to Egypt and Syria.

The Cairo-Damascus crisis erupted with the conclusion last September of the second Sinai interim peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. The rift has been aggravated by civil war in Lebanon. (UPI)

Hussein meets Soviet air chief

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
AMMAN. — King Hussein conferred last night with the visiting Soviet Deputy Defence Minister and Air Force commander, Marshal Pavel Kutshkov. There was no announcement as to whether Hussein raised Jordan's reported interest in the purchase of a Soviet air defence system.

Earlier, Marshal Kutshkov visited army bases along the border with Israel.

Austria studies implications of buying Kfirs

VIENNA. — The Foreign Ministry is weighing the implications for Austria's neutrality of a possible 2,000m. schilling (\$120m.) purchase of fighter planes from Israel, Defence Minister Karl Lustenberger said yesterday.

The minister said that an all-party group would visit Israel in early July to inspect the Kfir fighter, offered to Austria in exchange for steel and industrial goods.

Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, speaking to reporters with the Defence Minister after a Cabinet meeting, said he was far from convinced that Austria needed to buy modern fighters at all.

The Austrian army says it needs 200 to replace its ageing Saab-105 fighters, and Brigadier Lustenberger has said the decision should be taken this year. American, French and Swedish planes have been mentioned as possible choices.

But Dr. Kreisky said there were many other questions that should take priority in Austria's defence policy. (Reuters)

Chief Rabbi to visit Shah

Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef is to leave for Iran next Monday for a three-week stay during which he will be received by the Shah. He will also visit various Jewish communities there.

This will be the first such trip by the Chief Rabbi.

Report clarifies Herzog-Malik issue

By WOLF BLATZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Soviet UN Ambassador Yevgeny Malik did not tell Israel's UN Ambassador Chaim Herzog that he "spits" on the 200,000 American Jews who recently demonstrated in New York on behalf of Soviet Jewry, a detailed supplementary report shows.

The report, prepared from the written notes of the one-hour May 6 meeting, is being sent to Jerusalem following last Thursday's publication in an Israeli afternoon newspaper of accusations by Israeli Ambassador in Washington Simcha Dinitz charging that Herzog had remained silent while Malik made the alleged comment. Dinitz's charges, contained in a secret cable to the Foreign Ministry, were leaked in Jerusalem.

The supplementary report shows that Malik did say that he "spits" on the resolutions calling for increased Soviet Jewish emigration

prepared by American governors and congressmen. Malik, the new report said, charged that these American lawmakers had no right to interfere in domestic Soviet matters.

There were several other distortions contained in the leaked version of the Dinitz cable, the new report adds.

Herzog, who was accompanied by the Malik meeting by David Afek, an Israeli official attached to the UN mission, originally reported back to Jerusalem only the thrust of what Malik said, without going into details of his own responses.

But the written notes of the session clearly show that Herzog did not remain silent while Malik hurled accusations. These replies are contained in the new report.

The new report says that Herzog and Malik had in fact discussed hypothetical superpower guarantees for an overall Middle East settlement, but the Israeli envoy had made it clear that Israel does not

give credence to such assurances. On the question of Israel's dealing with the PLO, Herzog's remarks were also misreported, according to the report. Malik asked Herzog what Israel thought of the Soviet Union's latest proposal for Middle East peace talks. The Soviets had called for a two-stage Geneva conference, including PLO participation.

Herzog pointed out that the Soviet proposal was worthless and merely rhetoric because the Kremlin knew that Israel will not deal with the PLO. Asked by Malik what Israel would do if the PLO agreed to coexistence with Israel, Herzog pointed out that the PLO has made its intentions clear at the General Assembly's special session on Palestine.

He added that the Soviet Union knows the PLO does not accept one part of the latest Soviet proposal: that all Middle East states have a right to exist.

(AP, UPI)

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Surprise rains, storms sweep entire country

Jerusalem Post Staff
UNSEASONABLE RAINS and thunderstorms, accompanied by hailstorms, hit the country's northern and southern regions yesterday after a sultry morning. Safad, Jerusalem and even Eilat found themselves on the receiving-end of genuine December-like rains. The latter area, however, had braced itself for this possibility, having been forewarned by the meteorological service, and prepared an emergency committee.

Tel Aviv and Haifa had light showers.

Unfortunately for those who may have looked forward to a balmy, bright May day today, the weatherman predicts local rains and scattered thunderstorms throughout the country although temperatures will remain higher than normal.

Southern excursionists can also expect local sandstorms. Arab travellers in particular have been warned against the danger of flooding.

Peres: Can keep order in areas

THERE IS NO similarity between the problems which used to exist in the Gaza Strip, where terror acts involved shooting and grenade throwing, and the West Bank, where the violence takes the form of stone throwing by youths, Defence Minister Shimon Peres said last night.

At the same time, he said, soldiers have every right to use their weapons when their lives are in danger. "We are determined to keep law and order for all residents there," he said, "and to respect everyone's right to live, without exception." The Minister was answering questions on Israel Television's "Moked" programme.

But even though the Government has had some difficulties, Peres said, it can manage to maintain order in Samaria. "We can restore order there and maintain the 'open bridges policy'," he added.

The success of the Government's policy, he said, depends on the Arabs as well — and while there are some extremists among the younger ones, it nevertheless will succeed.

"There is no substitute for co-

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Rabin, Peres to 'cooperate'

3 terrorists slain on Jordan border

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
THREE TERRORISTS, believed to have come from a base in Syria, were killed on the Jordan border early yesterday morning.

Security circles believe that it is premature to presume that Jordan's ban on terror activity has been lifted, pointing out that this was the first border incident in seven months.

The three were killed close to midnight shortly after crossing the border north of Adam (Danyia) bridge, some five km. from the settlement of Argaman. They were carrying Kalashnikov rifles, a pistol with a silencer, ammunition and a small amount of food.

There has so far been no indication that Hussein's rapprochement with Damascus has led to a change in his policy of preventing terrorist activity against Israel from his ter-

ritory. But security circles are alert to the possibility that Syria may attempt to secure right of passage through Jordan for the terror groups which it sponsors.

The equipment the terrorists were carrying is taken as an indication that they intended to join up with collaborators in the West Bank and then attack Israeli targets from there. Terror groups intending to attack settlements or take hostages usually carry large amounts of explosives — and silencers.

The last incident on the Jordan border was near Neot Hakikar, at the southern end of the Dead Sea, last November, when a band of terrorists fled when they were engaged by an IDF unit. In March 1975, four terrorists were captured after crossing the border near Jericho.

Riot death in Old City

Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE THIRD person to be shot in as many days of anti-Israeli demonstrations died in the Old City yesterday as rioting spread to Jerusalem from West Bank towns. Mahmoud al-Kurd, 21, was the tenth Arab to die in the current series of widespread riots.

There were several stormy demonstrations in East Jerusalem yesterday morning. Puffs of black smoke rose over many Arab quarters from pyres of tyres collected by students. Schools and business premises closed down for the day.

Police said that the young man was hit in the head as a border police unit was struggling to extricate itself from a mob of some 50 stone-throwing youths in the Old City's Rehov David. The victim died later at the nearby Hospice hospital.

During the funeral, the "Palestinian flag" was hoisted atop Al-Akha mosque and over the nearby St. Stephen's Gate (Sha'ar Ha'Arayot). Relatives wailed "murderers" and "may God kill Mahmoud's killer," as they walked past the security forces. The police subsequently used tear gas to disperse them.

An army reserve officer, recently discharged from compulsory service, told The Jerusalem Post he tried to prevent a group of Arabs from hoisting a Palestinian flag on St. Stephen's Gate before the funeral procession got there. He was set upon by the Arab youths and severely beaten, while a large crowd of spectators stood by. He said no policeman could be seen in the area at the time.

The young man was taken to hospital and discharged last night after his injuries were dressed.

Neighbouring Ramallah and El-Bireh were placed under curfew yesterday morning following reports that demonstrations were planned. The municipal councils in the twin towns had planned a general strike. Both towns were deserted throughout the day and truckloads of troops patrolled the streets.

Most of Nabulus, and the refugee camps in Balata and Jenin remained under curfew yesterday, since curfew had been imposed on Monday following two days of bloody riots protesting the death of a 17-year-old girl during a security action.

But only on State affairs

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres conferred here yesterday for over an hour and agreed to cooperate "in affairs of State."

The meeting was initiated by the Prime Minister on Monday, after the clash between them was brought into the open by Peres at a meeting of the Labour Party leadership bureau last week. Neither wanted the clash to worsen. Peres said in a television interview last night: "We're both convinced that, as long as we're serving in the Cabinet, we should sit there in a statesmanlike manner and so it will be in the future... in matters of State."

A well-placed source told The Jerusalem Post last night that despite their feud the two men had cooperated, but now "the atmosphere will be tense."

This does not mean that they have ended their rivalry. This is caused by what some believe to be a struggle for power, but which others see rather as a clash of personalities. Peres repeatedly said in the television interview that they would cooperate on "affairs of State," which does not rule out rivalry within the party.

Peres said he believed he and the Prime Minister "saw pull the cart together in the same direction." But he also said he did not believe he had to accept all the Prime Minister's views. "There are differences of opinion between the Prime Minister and me," he said. "This is not harmful as long as the differences are within the Cabinet and without accusations or leaks, and all sides abide by the majority's decision."

"Only in a dictatorial regime do all ministers wake up in the morning, reach conclusions, and in the afternoon forget their differences. A democratic regime is not a regime of agreement but of majority rule. It is a poor government in which all agree to the decisions of the Prime Minister, or of anyone else," the Defence Minister said.

It was also questionable whether the two actually buried the hatchet. One source said following the terse meeting that they "found a common denominator regarding their feelings."

Peres hinted in the television interview that he was not fully mollified. Referring to the insult levelled at him by "a senior source" and "a source who knows Rabin well" (and which Peres reportedly believed was the Prime Minister himself), the Defence Minister said: "I thought I had to react... on the party level, and that is what I did. I was right in doing so."

After Wallfisch writes from the Knesset:

The Rabin-Peres sulka was brought about in part through the intervention of Minister-without-Portfolio Israel Galili, according to a senior Alignment MK. Galili spoke to Rabin after Sunday's Cabinet session and suggested that he invite Peres to a *tele-tete*. Galili apparently also telephoned Mrs. Golda Meir for advice. The Post was told, and she asked David Calderon, head of the Agricultural Bank, to talk to Rabin. Calderon also conferred with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon to ensure his remaining informed about a possible rapprochement between Rabin and Peres.

Mrs. Meir is said to have conveyed to Rabin her displeasure at his alleged comment (anonymously in a "Ha'aretz" column) that he wouldn't be under Peres' thumb, like she was under Dayan's thumb.

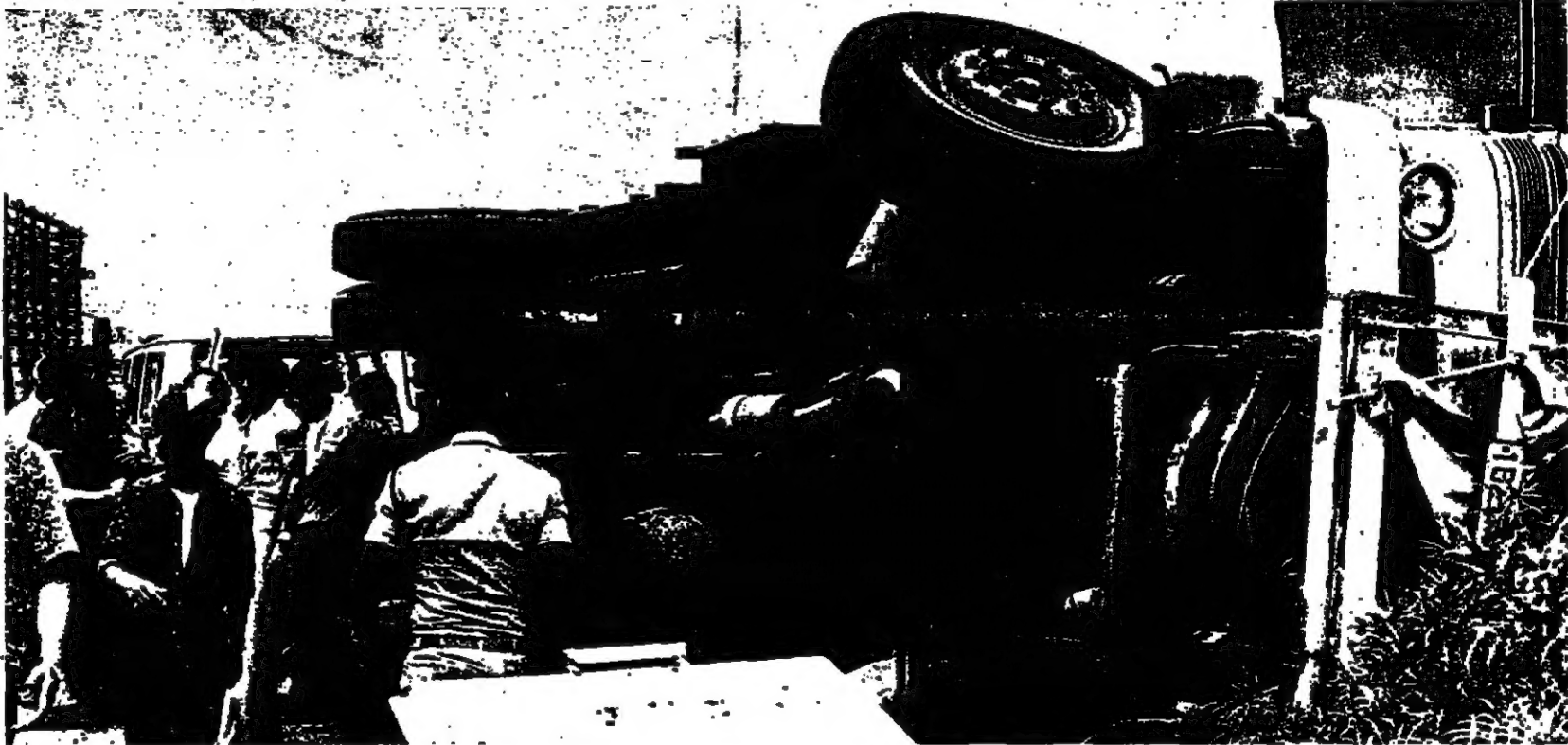
The senior Alignment MK said Rabin decided to make up with Peres for the time being because a Rafi breakaway would make it impossible for him to stay in office. Peres, meanwhile, agreed to bury the hatchet, according to The Post's informant, because he would have no political career outside Labour, where the only possible combination would be dominated by the Likud in an alliance with former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

Arabs urge UN envoy to Israel over the areas

UNITED NATIONS. — The Arab group agreed yesterday to ask Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to send a special representative to express Israel with UN "concern about its activities in the West Bank."

Meeting in caucus, the Arabs approved a resolution to be put before the Security Council. It was possible the 15-nation body would meet today but no meeting had been announced by late yesterday.

The Council has been meeting sporadically and inconclusively since May 10 when it took up Egypt's complaint of Israel activities in the areas.



EVACUATING the injured from the excursion lorry which crashed yesterday on Tiberias' notorious Nazareth Road descent, killing 13 of its occupants.

13 die in crash on Tiberias 'death slope'

By DAVID SLAV, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TIBERIAS. — An excursion truck with pilgrims from Ashdod to the Lag Ba'Omer celebrations in Meron overturned on the Nazareth Road here yesterday morning, killing 13 and injuring 41. The vehicle slipped over on the downhill stretch of the road when its brakes apparently failed.

The truck was one of four hired by the Torah Department of the Ashdod municipality for the outing, each carrying more than 50 pilgrims.

As the convoy entered the city on the long downhill run of the main road past the sports stadium around 10.35, the first truck suddenly swerved to the left, crashed into a concrete wall, overturned and fell into a stone channel.

Its left front was crushed, and it was there that most of those who were killed had been sitting.

The other three trucks stopped and their passengers helped in the rescue. The police, the staff of the nearby Kupat Holim clinic, Magen David Adom and passing UN observers helped in giving first aid and in transferring the casualties to the Poriya Hospital which was put on an emergency footing. Twenty-six passengers were taken to the Poriya Hospital, four to Afula, two to Safad and six to the Rambam hospital in Haifa.

The bodies of the 13 who died instantly were taken to Poriya. Another died from his injuries in Haifa.

The identification of the casualties was difficult and was not completed by dusk. Even the evacuation of the injured from the truck was difficult because of the condition of the vehicle. A towing truck and a mobile crane were needed to lift the wrecked truck and put it upright again.

The passengers of the other three trucks did not continue their trip to Meron but escorted the injured to the hospitals, and helped to identify the casualties. Some of their passengers went to the tomb of Rabbi Meir Beal-Haness here to pray.

Mordechai Ozeri, 24, of Rishon LeZion, the driver of the truck, was critically injured and is at the Rambam hospital.

Because so many fatal accidents have occurred on that steep slope of the road in the past 10 years, the Public Works Department decided to build a bypass which would eliminate the need to descend into the town's centre. However, construction has been delayed for the past seven years by lack of funds and the low priority accorded the project.

Mayor Moshe Tashar has after every fatal accident, vainly pleaded for early construction of the bypass. The only response from the Transport Ministry was to order trucks of over eight tons to have brake checks — carried out by a special police post on a road to which heavy trucks are detoured by signs at the approach to the city.

The four excursion trucks from Ashdod did not take that detour road and thus were not checked. David Turgeman, head of the Traffic Department at National Police Headquarters who came from Jerusalem to investigate the accident, said the drivers should have had their truck brakes checked. However, it was not clear whether the eight-ton definition applies to excursion trucks.

By coincidence another car carrying pilgrims from Ashdod to Meron for the celebrations overturned at 11 yesterday morning on the Beit Shean-Tiberias road, near Kibbutz Hamadaya. The Ford pick-up's 10 passengers were slightly injured, given first aid by Magen David Adom in Tiberias and then sent to the Poriya Hospital for examination.

Yitzhak Obed adds:

Anxiety swept Ashdod as news of the accident came from Tiberias in the morning, especially because there was no definite casualty list available. The municipality asked through the radio for those who went on the excursion to call their relatives in Ashdod in order to relieve them of worry.

Late in the afternoon, Mayor Zvi Zilker and three of his deputies flew by helicopter to Tiberias.

Self-discipline is the cure

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau, speaking at the Technion's graduation ceremony, yesterday warned of the danger of perpetuating the country's social and economic ills, through conspicuous consumption, "building on air" and relying on foreign aid.

This, coupled with the illusion of a magic cure, would only intensify the country's socio-economic crisis; only a return to our ideas, hard work and honesty would offer a chance to overcoming it, he said.

Justice Landau warned against seeking an easy cure from "a written constitution, a bill of rights or change in the electoral system." Nor is the longing for a "strong man" the answer. "Quality of life depends on the quality of man and the daily behaviour of each of us. If we are all strong ourselves, we won't need a 'strong man.' True democracy cannot be fostered by lack of inner discipline or lack of

responsibility of citizens as individuals or as groups," he said.

He believed that while we have learned the terrible military lesson of the Yom Kippur War, we have not yet realized that our economic crisis has resulted from the long-held belief that the laws of economy do not apply to Israel.

Justice Landau regretted that "we are still building skyscrapers to house *hufeschachto*, wasting dollars on unnecessary and expensive private cars which are blocking our highways, and filling luxury apartments with conspicuous furniture — paid for less and less by our own labour and more and more from that of others." This is a direct contradiction to the Zionist ideals on which all the good and strong in our country was built, the justice said.

Justice Landau, who is deputy chairman of the Technion's Board of Governors, also warned against the "vulgarization" of university education in the country, stating

that "there is no need for every normal young person in Israel to have an academic degree." He objected to the plans for opening a three-year B.A. course in business administration, which would turn on superficially educated persons demanding to be managers, though there is nothing for them to manage.

But there was a cure to our ills: for a start, Justice Landau called for a return to our own sources. Instead of spreading nihilism, we need a deeper appreciation of the reasons for our existence as a nation. He called on the new graduates not to betray the historical privilege they had been given of living in a free and independent Jewish state.

At the commencement ceremony, the Technion awarded 1,041 B.Sc. degrees to members of its 47th graduating class. In Jerusalem, the Hebrew University's Faculty of Law awarded Bachelor of Law degrees to 218 graduates yesterday.

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Station	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	18	20-30	19-39
Golan	31	19-30	18-29
Nahariya	31	18-28	17-27
Safed	31	18-28	17-27
Eilat Port	62	19-24	18-26
Tiberias	59	22-32	21-32
Nazareth	58	18-31	17-30
Afula	58	18-31	17-30
Shomron	59	18-31	17-30
Tel Aviv	64	18-28	18-28
B-3 Airport	60	18-24	18-28
Jericho	52	—	23-34
Qaza	51	18-29	18-29
Beersheba	51	18-29	18-29
Beit	18	27-37	25-37
Tiran Straits	22	25-35	24-34

Social and Personal

French Ambassador Jean Herly opened an exhibition of coloured etchings by Johnny Friedlaender at the Tel Aviv Museum yesterday.

The Israel Bond Texas Life Insurance Chief Executives Delegation met the Minister of Finance, Dan Halperin, at his office yesterday morning. In the afternoon the group met Moshe Raviv, director of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance. Later the delegation was received by Yitzhak Navon, MK, at the Knesset. In the evening, they met Moshe Meirav, director of the Foreign Department of the Bank of Israel.

The Israel Bond Tri-State Delegation met with Tourism Minister Moshe Kol yesterday evening.

Shimon Aviner, former Ambassador to Cambodia and Laos, will speak on "Reflections on the Confrontation of the Superpowers in Southeast Asia" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m., at the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will present its good citizenship and scholarship awards at its weekly meeting today, 1 p.m. at the Nof Hotel.

ARRIVALS

Emil Koch, executive vice-president, sales and services, Swissair, Zurich; Werner Seller, regional manager, Swissair, Zurich; and Ch. Signorelli, deputy director-general Swiss National Tourist Office.

Kfar Silver turns 20

Jerusalem Post Reporter
KFAR SILVER. — Some 150 American Zionist leaders will be among the 1,000 participants celebrating the 20th anniversary of Kfar Silver, the agricultural and technical high school, this evening. They will participate in a memorial service for alumni who fell while serving in the IDF, and watch an artistic programme presented by the students.

But Bank of Israel says it won't pay Credit to exporters upped to IL6.80 per dollar

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday fixed the amount of credit granted to exporters to finance domestic costs at IL6.80 for every dollar exported, instead of the present IL5.50.

The Bank of Israel is opposed to this decision, and will not pay the higher credits until the measure is approved by the governor of the bank, who will return to Israel on May 25 from a meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank in Mexico.

The Bank of Israel grants three types of credit to exporters. Both credit for financing imports used in production of export goods, and credit used to finance transport costs are linked to foreign currency. The third type, credit to finance local costs, is unlinked and was fixed at IL5.50 per dollar exported.

With the increase in local costs, manufacturers demanded that the credit be raised to IL7.40.

A joint committee composed of representatives of the Bank of Israel and the Commerce and Industry Ministry decided that the increase in local costs justified an increase—but only to IL6.40-IL6.80, with a regular change whenever local costs went up.

The subject was brought to the Finance Minister, who yesterday decided to fix the credit at IL6.80 as proposed by the Commerce Ministry.

The Bank of Israel spokesman said yesterday that the bank was sticking to the figure of IL6.43 as the maximum possible under present economic conditions. A final decision, he added, will be taken after the governor returns from abroad.

Shippers warn of surcharge on container cargoes

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — While dozens of shippers even hundreds of shippers in Haifa and Ashdod ports are idle for lack of work, all the shipping conferences have joined together to warn the Shippers Council that they may impose congestion surcharges on container cargoes, because of the disruption of container handling.

The situation yesterday led the Shippers Council management to ask the Transport Minister to put an end to the "grave situation in

the ports" resulting from internal difficulties. The council told the minister that the container difficulties were hampering exports and driving up import prices.

The council noted that container handling in Ashdod was almost completely paralysed due to labour troubles there. As a result, Haifa Port had been put under great pressure and was now handling over 80 per cent of all containers. Haifa does not have sufficient storage space for the containers, because its IL40m. back-up terminal is still closed, two months after completion, owing to differences of opinion between two works committees and the management. Thus, containers are difficult to locate and their handling is slow.

In addition, the Treasury has imposed a 15 per cent tax on the demurrage fees the shippers are charging the importers and exporters for the hold-up of containers, the council complained.

Asked to comment, the Haifa Port spokesman said that no ships were being held up. The container ships were receiving immediate handling facilities on arrival in the port, and the handling facilities were even occasionally idle for lack of ships.

On the other hand, he confirmed that there were hold-ups in the delivery of containers, due to the delay in the opening of the back-up terminal. "Two works committees are quarrelling between themselves over the management's proposals for introducing work arrangements in the new terminal which would ensure its smooth operation. We are waiting for the Labour Council to get the committees to agree and settle the matter with us," he said. The council has promised it would reach a settlement within a week.

Meanwhile, the failure to open the terminal is forcing importers to have the containers emptied outside the port, depriving the stevedores of badly needed work during the slack summer season.



The traditional halakka — the first haircut given to boys who have reached age three — is best performed at Meron, centre of the Lag Ba'Omer celebrations. But observant Jews perform the ceremony even if they cannot get to Meron. The ones above sheared curls yesterday at the Tomb of Shimon Hatzadik in Jerusalem. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

1,400 busloads at Meron

By YESHAYAHU ASHKEZI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAPAD. — The Lag Ba'Omer celebrations reached a peak at Mt. Meron yesterday, as tens of thousands sang and danced, with a steady stream of holiday-makers constantly arriving from all over the country. Bigwig officials said they had brought 1,400 busloads of passengers to Meron, and at least as many arrived by cars and trucks. The Magen David Adom temporary first aid station had to deal with more than 600 minor injuries, but had a few more serious cases as well — 20 persons collapsed during

the festivities, some with heart attacks, and were sent to the Sleg Hospital here.

An electrical overload, at one point, caused a fire to break out at the station, but it was quickly extinguished, and the station was relocated. First aid staff, policemen and other officials worked non-stop for 40 hours to maintain order and safety.

Lag Ba'Omer throughout the country was no picnic for the firefighters. In Haifa alone, they were called to put out some 25 bonfires which threatened to break out of control.

Sephardi Council files its defence against libel suits

Jerusalem Post Staff

Heads of the Sephardi Council of Jerusalem yesterday showed the press a copy of the defence brief they had filed in response to libel suits by members of the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace.

The defendants, who had charged that members of the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace were "anti-

Zionists and Communists," emphasized that their own group was an inseparable part of the Zionist movement. They said that if individuals, in Israel wish to set up a Palestinian state and recognize the PLO, thereby becoming targets of public condemnation, they cannot legitimately complain.

The libel suits were prompted by an "open letter" published by the Sephardi Council to dissociate itself from its former president Eliahu Eliashar, who had joined the Council for Israel-Palestine Peace. In the newspaper advertisement, the Sephardi Council said the Palestine Peace Council included "anti-Zionists and Communists."

The acting head of the Sephardi Council, David Shton, told the press that a defence brief had been filed by lawyer Shlomo Cohen-Zidon. In defending itself, the Sephardi Council said the PLO had not abandoned its plan to annihilate Israel. "Any person who is threatened with deportation and extinction must be repelled by persons who support those who make these threats."

Among those who have sued are Ya'acov Arnon, a former director-general of the Finance Ministry, who is claiming IL50,000 from the council for breaching his name; Uri Avneri, a former Knesset member and editor of "Ha'Olam Hazeh"; journalist Amos Kenan; Knesset Member Arye Eliaz; Mattatiah Peled, former Quartermaster-General, and later a leader of the defunct Ya'ad party; Knesset Member Meir Pe'il; and writer Natan Shahan.

10,000th issue of 'Al Hamishmar'

TEL AVIV. — The "Al Hamishmar" daily newspaper yesterday marked the publication of its 10,000th issue. Founded 33 years ago as "Mishmar," the mouthpiece of Hashomer Hatzair, it became "Al Hamishmar" when Abud Avoda joined Hashomer Hatzair to form Mapam. It is now the third largest selling Hebrew morning paper.

Sonol denies it's up for sale

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The chairman of Sonol's board of directors, Dror Gal-Ezer, has denied yesterday's Jerusalem Post report that the company was for sale. The report was based on an article in the April issue of "Forbes," the business magazine. The article, headlined "Any offers, gentlemen?" and ending "Oil company, anyone?" said that the Belfer family, the largest single shareholder in the Belco Petroleum Company — which is also sole owner of Sonol — were willing to sell their 46 per cent holding, "if the price is right." Gal-Ezer said that a controlling block of Belco stock was up for sale, but this did not mean Sonol was for sale. The local company

would continue to develop its own vices and its programme of research and drilling for oil (begun in 1967). The Belfer brothers have offered their stock at a price above the current market rate, but have not yet had any offers. An independent firm of oil valuation experts with a reputation for accuracy has estimated the value of Belco assets at \$240m. or \$32 a share — nearly twice the current market rate. The shares of Belco are traded on the New York Stock Exchange and are selling for approximately \$11. Activity in the stock has recently been relatively thin, averaging under 5,000 shares a day. There are indications that recent purchases of Belco shares have come from Israel

Steel City 'saboteurs' get dismissal notices

By YA'ACOV ARDON
and YOEL DAE
Jerusalem Post Reporters

ASHDOD. — Seven of Steel City's foundry workers who on Sunday sabotaged the production process and refused to carry out the instructions of their foremen and the management, received discharge notices yesterday. They will get no compensation and will not be employed by any other Koor enterprise.

As a result of their refusal to transfer molten steel from the furnace to the continuous casting machine, some 60 tons of the metal were poured on the floor of the foundry, at a loss of over IL100,000 to the company. As another result of the refusal to maintain the production process, the foundry division of Steel City was shut down by management order.

"We shall sit down tomorrow with the shop committee and the Labour Council to discuss how we can bring up manpower at the foundry to required strength from Steel City's own labour force. If

we can come to terms we shall resume work at the foundry. If no it will remain closed," general manager Uri Bar-Ratzon said last night.

Yesterday the Knesset Committee of the Histadrut came from Tel Aviv headed by its chairman, Eliahu Tadmor. Tadmor, Israel Knesset, spent several hours at the plant studying its problems and heard and hearing conflicting views from the management, the works committee, and Labour Council secretary Yitzhak Haziza.

Attempts by the shop committee and the Labour Council to persuade management to resume foundry operations at once and unconditionally failed.

Haziza said later that "the shut down of the foundry is complicating the situation. If it isn't reopened soon it will lead to a shutdown of the entire Steel City, including the rolling mill (which still has supply of steel ingots from the foundry). We shall not put up with the shutdown and will continue an uncompromising public campaign against it."

Ashdod auto lockout continues

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The lockout of the local auto plant, Ashdod Automotive Industry Ltd., enters its second day today, with no sign of an agreement in sight.

At nine this morning, all the town's works committees will meet with the locked-out workers to hear their stand. An hour later, the local labour council will hold a meeting to discuss the lockout.

Yitzhak Cohen, head of the works committees which represents 260 of the 340 workers at the plant, told The Jerusalem Post that the workers plan to go to work this morning just as they did yesterday, and spend the day outside the gates.

The decision to lock the workers out was taken after they had staged a go-slow and a sit-down strike, against their demands for wage increases, premiums and profit-sharing.

Fatal work accident

Two Gaza Strip workers were crushed to death in a work accident yesterday in a leather-drying plant in Kiryat Malachi.

The two were Ahmed Hase-Din, 27, of El-Arish, and Mohamed Mahmud Hassan of Jabaly. The workers were killed after one of the plant's machines fell on them. (The-Post)

Louis Levinthal buried

Jerusalem Post Staff

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, a former chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University and a former president of the Zionist Organization of America, was buried in Jerusalem yesterday. He died in the Capital on Sunday, aged 84.

A native of Philadelphia, Levinthal was judge of the Court of Common Pleas in that city from 1937-59, after which he returned to private practice. He was a special adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. Lucius Clay and the European Command in Germany from 1947 to 1948.

In Germany during the period when the struggle of the Jews to re-establish a Jewish state in Palestine was at its height, Judge Levinthal, in a grant violation of standing orders,

succeeded in organizing support for Jewish refugees.

A great benefactor of numerous charitable causes, he was also chairman of the Hebrew University Board of Directors (1964-68); a member of the Board of Governors of the Technion, Bar-Ilan University at the Weizmann Institute; and was active in the JNF.

Author of numerous legal works and a lecturer on corporate and bankruptcy law at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his law degree, he also wrote "Cred of an American Zionist" and published biographies of Mayer Sulberger and Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

One of the founders of the American Association for Jewish Education and president of Gratz College of Philadelphia, the oldest Jewish teachers' training school in the US, he was also associated for many years with the Jewish Publication Society of America.

Alfandari asked to head customs

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday asked David Alfandari, former deputy director of customs and currently assistant director-general of the Housing Ministry, to take over as director of customs.

Rabinowitz met with Alfandari to persuade him to take over the post of David Peled, who was suspended because of accusations that he had taken bribes and violated currency laws. The director of State Revenue, Moshe Neudorfer, offered Alfandari the same post in the past, but the latter had turned it down. It was not known last night whether Alfandari would now agree to Rabinowitz's request.

Batya Levine buried

HAIFA. — The burial took place here yesterday of Batya Levine, wife of one of this town's founding fathers and mother of the present mayor, Yosef Nevo, and of Prof. Avraham Nevo of the Weizmann Institute.

Eulogies were delivered by the city's Chief Rabbi, Haim Halevi and others.

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who died in Salisbury on May 17, 1976, of wounds sustained during active service with the Rhodesian Security Forces.

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who was injured in the terrorist bombing in Jerusalem on May 3, 1976.

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The funeral will leave from Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, TODAY, May 19, at 2 p.m.

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Neturei Karta takes abattoir issue to UN

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Neturei Karta, the Jerusalem anti-Zionist sect, is celebrating a diplomatic victory this week: its latest statement attacking the Jewish state is to be circulated by the UN Secretariat-General among UN members — at the request of Libya. The Libyans have also requested the issue be included in the agenda of the next UN General Assembly. The statement, calling upon the Security Council to turn Jerusalem into a *de facto* international city not merely *de jure*, was sent last week to the council president, after the Jerusalem Municipality closed a chicken slaughter house in the Mea She'arim district.

"For thousands of years," Neturei Karta leaders Uri Elia and Moshe Elia informed the council president, Louis de Guiringaud, "Jews have practiced ritual slaughter of livestock under their personal supervision; and now the *de facto* Jerusalem municipality has issued an

injunction forbidding ritual slaughter in the Jewish Orthodox quarters of the city."

The Jerusalem Municipality told The Jerusalem Post that the abattoir in Mea She'arim was one of seven Jewish and three Arab abattoirs being closed for sanitary and aesthetic reasons. The law prohibits abattoirs in public places, spokesman Rafi Debara explained, and the municipality was offering the abattoir owners alternative premises in the Romema industrial zone.

Municipal officials had put padlocks on the Mea She'arim abattoir, but Neturei Karta activists tore them off Monday night, and yesterday chicken slaughtering was proceeding as usual.

A Neturei Karta spokesman said that any attempt by the municipality or police to close the slaughterhouse again would be met with force. A municipal official said the police would be asked to close the premises and to arrest the owners.



An obstacle course provides a challenge during a sports day event as part of Girl Soldiers Day, held at Training Command bases throughout the country. (Asgad)

Ramat Gan youth wins Zionism quiz

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shmuel Elmi, the 17-year-old son of immigrants from Morocco, last night captured first prize in Israel's first Youth Zionism Quiz with his knowledge about the movement from Herzl through the War of Independence.

The Ramat Gan boy won 67 out of a possible 70 points in the quiz, beating nine other teenagers from all over the country and taking home a cheque for IL3,000 (donated by an insurance company). Close behind were Yosef Amrani of Haifa with 66 points and Yitzhak Elias of Ramat Gan with 64 points.

Modelled on the Independence Day World Jewish Youth Bible Contest, but open this year only to Israelis, the Zionism quiz is expected to become an international competition and a traditional Lag Ba'Omer event. It was organized by the Zalman Shazar Centre, the Zionist Council and the Education Ministry (neither the Education Minister nor any of the MKs invited showed up).

Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog told the audience at the conclusion that the contestants knew enough about Zionism to qualify for his own job, or to be future candidates for 'president of the World Zionist Organisation'.

Police guard Mayor Lahat's home after blast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mayor Shlomo Lahat's home in Afeka is under police guard following the explosion early Monday morning at the Zahala home of banker Shlomo Lahat in an apparent case of mistaken identity.

It is believed that the blast may have been due to the mayor's crack-down on illegal housing, which resulted in rioting last week by Jaffa Arabs protesting the demolition of two illegally built structures.

It is believed that explosives stolen from the army were used in the blast, which caused extensive damage.

A police spokesman said that the guard at the mayor's home would probably be lifted soon.

Soviets not delivering relatives' invitations

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. According to reports from the USSR, the Soviet postal services have ceased to deliver invitations (visas) sent from Israel to would-be olim. Without these documents, it is impossible to apply for an exit permit and begin the long aliyah process.

The move is said to have caused a significant decrease in the number of Jews leaving the USSR.

All the invitations arriving from Israel are reportedly being collected by the authorities, and some of those to whom the letters were addressed are being called in for questioning. In other cases, the invitations are simply not delivered.

The aim of the investigation is said to be to verify whether the invitation was sent by a bona fide relative of the applicant. The latter is asked whether he would like to leave the USSR and if he expects an invitation from a relative. If he replies in the affirmative, he

then has to give the name of the person from whom he expects the invitation.

Russian pianist Boris Liov and his daughter, Elsomara, will give a piano recital at Bar-Ilan University on Tuesday, May 25, as an expression of solidarity with Russian Jews. The recital will in particular recall the plight of Lev Gendim, who has been denied permission to leave the USSR to join his wife Aviva, now a student at Bar-Ilan.

In Rome, yesterday, several hundred Soviet Jews now living in the Italian capital started a series of demonstrations aimed at obtaining visas to go to the U.S.

The four-hour demonstration was staged in front of the offices of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HEIAS).

The Jews lived in Israel for several years after leaving the Soviet Union. Later they left Israel and settled in Rome, after being refused visas for the U.S.

40 ISRAELIS, SEVEN TOURISTS KILLED 150 terror strikes in 1975

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said yesterday that, although the Arab terrorists were busy in Lebanon, the number of terror operations within Israel increased in 1975.

Surveying the work of his ministry in the Knesset, in the framework of the traditional budget reviews, Hillel said 150 terror acts took place, with 125 inside the green line and 25 outside in Jerusalem.

Twenty-four Israeli civilians died in these terror acts, the minister said, as well as 14 soldiers and seven tourists. Forty terrorists were killed in the course of the attacks, and many more were captured.

Hillel noted that representatives of the International Red Cross make regular visits to the prisons containing convicted from the areas, examining conditions and holding private conversations with those prisoners who request it. The authorities maintain a dialogue with the Red Cross personnel, to study any complaints they raise, and deal with these wherever necessary. During the year, prisoners in the areas were also visited by Arab notables, journalists, members of parliaments, judges and public figures from Israel and overseas. Most of these visitors praised the fair treatment given to the prisoners, their satisfactory living conditions and the calm prevailing within the prisons themselves, Hillel said.

The minister said that in 1975 the police opened 250,000 criminal files and found 150,000 of the cases worthy of prosecution, an increase of 11 per cent over the previous year — "and a normal annual increase over the past few years."

The police did better work, too, he said, finding the culprits in 36 per cent of the crimes in 1975, compared with only 33 per cent the year before.

He claimed that the police had achieved what he called impressive results in combating economic offences and crimes of "protection," handing 27 per cent more of these files in 1975. The increase was not a result of this type of crime spreading, but rather of the number of citizens willing to complain to the police and then testify in court.

For the first time in several years, the minister said, juvenile crime was on the rise again. Young persons had been involved in 21 per cent more offences against public order, and 30 per cent more crimes against persons.

The minister was pleased with the declining statistics for road accidents: only 658 dead in 1975, as against 724 in 1974. The police handed out 200,000 summonses for moving violations last year, many

more than the year before.

Hillel said the police maintained a system of tight internal supervision to prevent irregular behaviour on the part of its men and to study complaints, if any, from the public. It had appointed a special police controller this year. Internal directives were being continually brought up to date, which did not entirely prevent undesirable incidents, but still restricted them as far as possible.

The minister said the public and the media ought to show the same degree of self-criticism. Stressing the deviations out of all proportion, and headlining accusations against the police made by violent criminals — which were afterwards mostly rejected in court — did not make things any easier for the police, he said.

In the debate, Ben-Zion Keshet (Likud) landed police work in general, but appealed to Minister Hillel to order a halt to police beating of detainees.

"I know reports of beatings are exaggerated, and if they do occasionally occur, are the result of violation of standing orders by police officers. Nevertheless, unnecessary beatings do take place, and I ask you to stop them altogether."

Referring to civil disorder in recent days by terrorist-inspired Arabs in East Jerusalem and the administered areas, the Alignment's

Mathilda Ghaz urged the police to act "without compassion... against anyone who harms the State of Israel or the people who live in it."

The NRP's Aharon Abu Hatzela said: "Although I represent a party in the Coalition, I must speak as if I were from the Opposition and criticize this government for failing to maintain a clear-cut policy concerning the police. The Government gives our police officers a tall order — to maintain internal security — and then turns around and reduces the Police Ministry's budget for the year."

Amos Hadar (Alignment) complained that too much freedom was granted to television cameramen who circulate in the administered areas and film protests by Arabs there against Israeli administration. "Freedom of the press is fine," said Hadar, "but it should be qualified in a nation under siege."

Amnon Linn of the Likud also called for a stiff crackdown on Arab protesters, adding that the Government should consider mass deportation of men, women and children who participate in violent demonstrations in the administered areas.

Nissim Eliad (ILP) complained about leaks to the press from police sources, which he insisted, "are a serious offence since they constitute in effect conviction without trial."

Melon dispute may have caused T.A. murder

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A dispute over watermelons may have led to the killing last week of Shimon Gilkrov, 28, in a Shapira Quarter Sportivo shop.

According to one police source, underworld figures control many of the kiosks selling watermelons in and around Tel Aviv. Profits for the three-month season are fairly high, starting at IL200,000.

Gilkrov was known to have controlled several stands in the area. The four suspects who were remanded for 15 days on Sunday, were connected with Gilkrov in a number of deals, among them the watermelon business. Last year the partners had a falling out over territory and profits. With the beginning of this watermelon season, the dispute may have flared up again, the source said.

Gilkrov was also involved in drugs, and the police have not ruled out the possibility that a quarrel over their "marketing" rights may have been a factor.

Air Force man is indicted for bribery

TEL AVIV. — Bribery indictments against Tat-Ahuf (Res.) Haim Yaron and industrialist Yosef Marshak were filed yesterday in the Tel Aviv District Court. This was the third indictment filed against Marshak, 58, owner of the Tahof container firm in Haifa.

Yaron, as chief supply officer for the Air Force, was in charge of examining equipment. He is accused of receiving two gifts from Marshak — German china worth IL100,000 and 111 pieces of cutlery worth IL500 — in exchange for which Yaron would give Marshak's container firm preferential treatment.

The indictment levies several other charges of bribery against Yaron, covering the years 1971 through 1974, most of which involve receipt of gifts from various owners of companies which served as suppliers to the Air Force. (Itm)

IN THE LOTTO draw No. 20/76 held yesterday, the following numbers won — 01, 07, 18, 23, 26 and 31. The additional number was 04. First prize was IL364,678.

Israel closing in on int'l bridge leaders

By TANNIAH HIRSCH
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTE CARLO. — Two wins by the Israeli team in the 29th and 30th round of the Fifth World Bridge Team Olympiad have left them poised for an assault on the lead as the final third of this mammoth tournament gets under way tonight.

In the 29th round, Israel beat

Denmark 14-6, then followed that up with a 17-3 victory over an Argentine team which had surprised everyone with its strong performance. This left Israel still in 10th place with 376 victory points, but having closed in slightly on the leaders.

Taly regained top spot in the 45-nation table with a total of 444, followed by Britain with 443 and Sweden with 432. Other leading scores: Poland 424, France 413, Brazil 413, Switzerland 397, U.S.A. 386, and Germany 377.

Israel had a free afternoon yesterday to contemplate its position. Of all the leading teams, Israel probably has the easiest programme remaining, as they have met almost all the strongest teams. The question is: can they make up a deficit of 68 points, overtaking the top-runners in the process?

In the women's series, the Israel team turned in their best performance yet by coming within an inch of upsetting the Venice trophy winners, U.S., in a 14th-round match. Israel lost 13-9 and still are in 9th place, but their fine showing is sure to improve their morale for the upcoming matches. Leading scores: Italy 212, Britain 189, U.S. 188, Canada 187, France 178, Denmark 175.

Aviation conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The 18th annual Israel Conference on Aviation and Astronautics will open today at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel. The conference will move to the Technion's Aeronautical Engineering Department for its second and final day tomorrow.

The participants will hear 30 lectures, eight of them by visiting scientists and engineers from the U.S., France, Sweden and Switzerland. The organizers announced that, unlike previous conferences which were devoted to the theoretical, this year's emphasis will be on experimental engineering subjects, reflecting the progress made by Israel's own aeronautical industry.

COOPERATIVE TRANSPORT systems are the subject of a course Israeli experts have begun teaching in El Salvador. Three Egged members handle the month-long training programme for 35 people, and plan to start a new course soon in Costa Rica.

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Exporters at Knesset say it with flowers

By AARON SEITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset witnessed one of its most beautiful protest demonstrations yesterday. While scores of security guards armed with batons and shields knelt behind the bushes, hundreds of angry protesters swarmed into the Knesset plaza armed with large bouquets of fresh roses, chrysanthemums, carnations, lilies and other beautiful flowers.

They were there to protest against El Al's alleged interference in the establishment of a new air cargo firm, already approved by the Government, which would carry Israel's agricultural produce and cut flowers to European markets. (See Hod, page 8.)

"Our shipping prices could be reduced by a third," a spokesman for the flower growers told reporters. "What's more, by using specially fitted aircraft, the company could carry several other commodities which until now have not been ex-

ported. And the flower export season could be extended, substantially increasing the country's foreign currency income."

But, the spokesman charged, El Al, which is to own 49 per cent of the new air carrier's stock, wants to limit its flight schedule and even plans to compete with the new company. "If El Al can't bear another company flying our products abroad, it should withdraw from the partnership and stop getting in the way of people who want to export more and earn more."

Several members of the Knesset Economic and Finance Committees lent a sympathetic ear to the demands and promised to look into the problem.

Apparently satisfied, the protesters left for their waiting buses, but not before presenting every Knesset member, clerk, secretary and other person in sight with a beautiful bouquet of flowers wrapped and stamped "For Export Only."

Egypt refuses visas to Israelis, waives medical students' parley

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Rather than admit an Israel delegation to an annual conference of the International Federation of Medical Students Associations, the Egyptian Government has waived holding the conference in Egypt altogether.

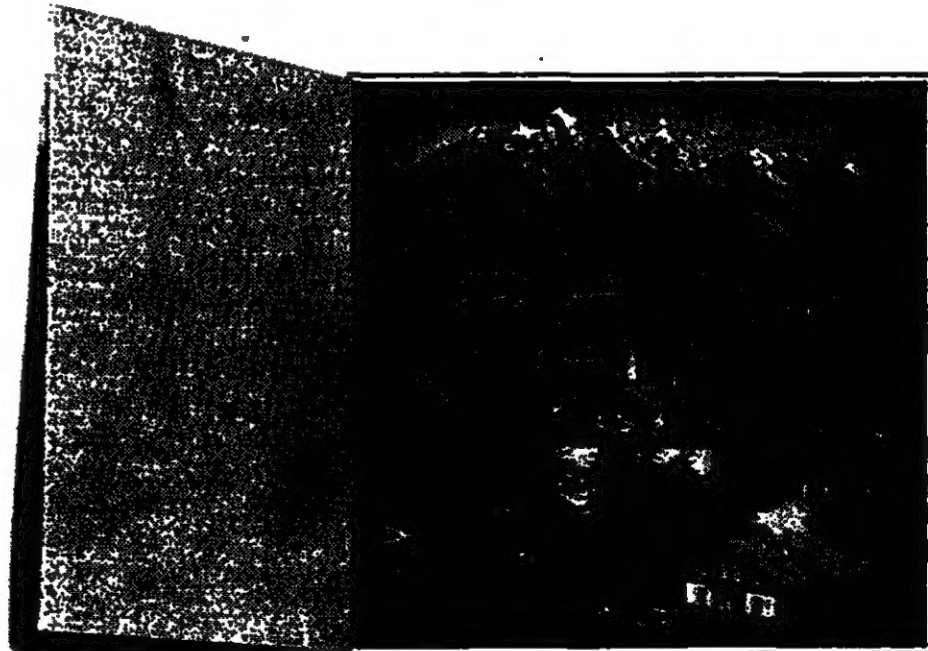
The Israeli Medical Students Association received a letter last week from the federation's secretariat, informing it of Cairo's refusal to issue visas to a delegation of Israeli students.

This refusal puts into operation the second-choice decision of last year's annual conference, to hold the 1976 meeting in Hongkong, where the government has assured the admission of Israeli delegates. Last year, the Polish delegate said that if the 1976 conference was held in Warsaw his government would

not admit Israelis. He proposed that it should take place in a country where all the delegates would be given visas, and the delegates of Egypt and Hongkong offered their countries as a venue. The Israeli delegates agreed to Egypt, on condition it admitted all delegations, including Israel's.

The Egyptian delegates promised to try to obtain their government's consent, and their proposal was unanimously approved — with Hongkong as a second choice if the visas for the Israelis did not come through.

2,124,000 persons are on the lists of eligible voters posted on Monday in 1,000 places throughout the country. Included are 152,000 non-Israeli nationals, who will be eligible to participate in municipal elections. The present list is larger than last year's by 46,000 voters.



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Two more Rhodesians killed; U.S. staying out of negotiations

SALISBURY. — Two more Rhodesian soldiers have been killed, in a skirmish with black nationalist guerrillas operating from bases in Mozambique, security forces reported yesterday.

They said three more guerrillas were killed in the past three days, but did not clarify if they died in the engagement which took the lives of the two soldiers. The clash reportedly occurred near Fort Victoria in south-central Rhodesia, but the communiqué gave no details.

The deaths bring to 12 the number of Rhodesian soldiers killed this month and to 108 the number who have died since the war began in December, 1972. According to Rhodesian figures, at least 55 guerrillas have been killed this month, and a total of 842 since the war for black majority rule was launched.

Meanwhile, South Africa's hopes for an early, U.S.-inspired summit on Rhodesia appeared to be dashed, after a Washington announcement that no such meeting was in the pipeline.

The Pretoria government seemed to have lent considerable weight to an election campaign remark by President Ford, who said: "If at some point it would seem wise to meet with the two heads of Rhod-

esia and South Africa, I would certainly consider it."

Foreign Minister Hugaard Muller put it to parliament on Monday that the U.S. President apparently was considering a meeting with South African Premier John Vorster and Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith but barely had he sat down after welcoming the possibility than a swift denial came from Washington.

"There is no meeting under active consideration at this stage," said deputy presidential press secretary John Carlson.

The statement effectively snuffed out expectations of the first move to settle the Rhodesian conflict peacefully since the breakdown of negotiations between black and white leaders in Rhodesia on March 19.

The Rhodesian Government is still rejecting outright black demands for immediate power, and even moderate black leaders view a two-year power handover as the longest period they could contemplate.

Meanwhile, Joshua Nkomo, leader of the African National Council inside Rhodesia, arrived in London from Nairobi yesterday for a private visit, including talks with British Government leaders. He conferred later yesterday with Prime Minister James Callaghan and Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland.

(AP, Reuters, UPI)

Soviets mum about quake

MOSCOW. — After suffering an earthquake bigger than the one which devastated a part of northern Italy earlier this month, the Soviet Union yesterday clamped tight secrecy on its effects.

Such slender reports as were available hinted that the force 9 tremble — measured on the 12-point Soviet scale — had resulted in damage and victims. However, it appeared that major population centres in the desert republic of Uzbekistan — including Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara — escaped the fury of the quake.

"There are no casualties here and no destruction," a senior official said by telephone from Bukhara, the city closest to the epicentre. "Communications are operating normally."

But seismologist Nikolai Shebalin said on television that the quake caused "marked material damage in Gazli, a small town northwest of Bukhara."

Tass said there had been material damage in some places and added: "Prompt measures are being taken to eliminate the aftermath of the quake and give relief to its victims."

(UPI)

Britain warns Malawi on Asian expulsion

LONDON. — Britain's former colony of Malawi in southern Africa, which has been expelling Asians, was warned yesterday future British economic aid could be jeopardized if the exodus is stepped up.

Foreign office officials called in the Malawi Ambassador to discuss Parliament's recent criticism of the nearly \$8m. which Britain annually gives Malawi in loans and grants.

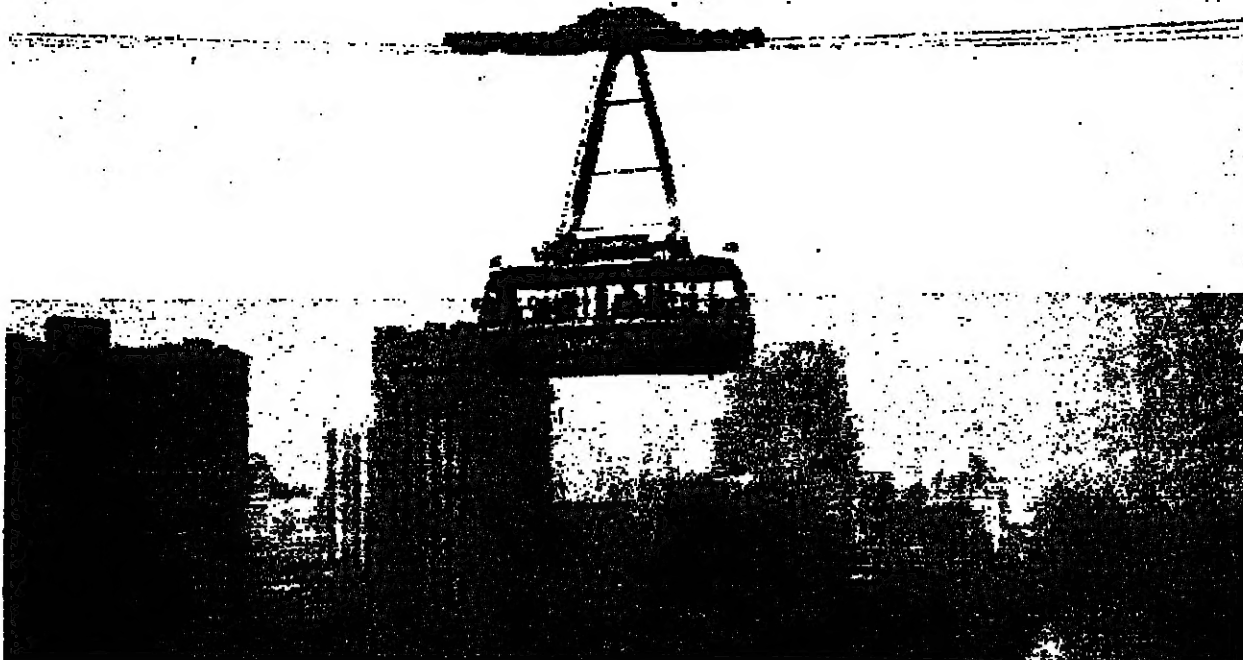
Some 60 Asian residents of Malawi arrived in England at the weekend. There are 20,000 Asians in Malawi who reportedly are under pressure to leave, including 6,800 British passport holders.

There was a public outcry in Britain recently when a local authority near London airport temporarily housed two expelled Asian families in a hotel at a cost of \$600 (£12,000) a week.

(AP)

BEACHES. — Over 60 beaches in the La Coruna area of Spain were taken to eliminate the aftermath of the quake and give relief to its victims.

(UPI)



Cable car commuter service between Manhattan, left, and Roosevelt Island began in New York on Monday. (UPI/Telephoto)

Ulster death toll 15 in three days

BELFAST. — Gunmen shot down a young man in a Londonderry bus on Monday night and a man died in a hospital of gunshot wounds, raising the death toll from three days of Northern Ireland violence to 15, of whom five are policemen.

The gunmen opened fire at an army camp at Pennyburn just as a bus crossed the line of fire. A 21-year-old man was hit in the neck and killed. Two passengers were wounded.

The man who died in Belfast was a Protestant wounded on Sunday night.

Northern Ireland's known death toll in nearly seven years of sectarian warfare stood at 1,520, with

127 killed so far this year.

Yesterday, suspected Irish Republican Army gunmen shot and wounded a policeman.

The uniformed policeman was on foot patrol in north Belfast when gunmen fired at him from a passing car. He was wounded in the arm but not seriously hurt, a police spokesman said.

The IRA claimed responsibility for the earlier attacks on police apparently in response to the government's intentions to draft policemen into Roman Catholic strongholds in the province, and were immediately suspected of the latest incident.

(AP, UPI)

NYC installs ski-lift instead of a bridge

NEW YORK. — America's first city cable car had its ceremonial opening Monday.

The \$6.8m. system, built by a Swiss company, will carry passengers over the East River, between Manhattan and Roosevelt Island, where a modern housing complex has just been completed.

The cables soar 40 metres above the river, which separates the boroughs of Queens and Manhattan. The cars travel at 26 kms. per hour.

The cable car was manufactured by Von Roll Ltd., of Bern, Switzerland, and is operated by the Urban Development Corp. under franchise from New York City. The 3½-minute ride costs 50 cents.

The tramway, a city version of a Swiss ski lift, is intended to bring the approximately 1,000 residents of UDC's housing project on Roosevelt Island (formerly Welfare Island) to what the corporation called "the glamorous Upper East Side of Manhattan."

East German congress

EAST BERLIN. — The East German Communist rulers pledged yesterday to strengthen an already faithful bond with the Kremlin as their top policy objective.

Party leader Erich Honecker laid down guidelines in a report delivered at the opening of the ninth East German party congress here.

(Reuters)

Ethiopian peasants march

ADDIS ABABA. — Thousands of ragtag peasant army had actually gone into battle.

Commenting on the state of affairs, the government newspaper "Ethiopian Herald" said: "Time is fast running out for efforts to find a peaceful solution to the problems of the troubled region of Eritrea."

It said, "The government has been making constant and consistent efforts with a view to creating peaceful conditions in Eritrea — but these have been frustrated by reactionary, imperialist and certain super-annuated Arab governments." (UPI)

Beirut today: Beauty, terror, madness, normality

By DOYLE MCMAHON
BEIRUT. — It is still a beautiful city from the air. White buildings cascade down forest-green hills to the sea and remind the newcomer of southern California or the Côte d'Azur.

Then the plane dives to avoid anti-aircraft fire and hits the ground — and the illusion disappears. A soft wind mingles the scent of cedars with the muffled thud of mortar blasts. At the airport gate, gunmen framed against a shimmering time bay stop every car at submachinegun point.

Beirut is a topsy-turvy mix of beauty and terror, madness and normality.

Crowds still jostle down Hamra Street between merchants from the south and pushcarts selling huge red strawberries. But the merchants are there because the souk was destroyed by shells.

The fruit-sellers compete for space with mounds of pungent rotting garbage and gunmen lingering Rus-

sian-made rifles. And when the mortars begin to thunder, as they do almost every day at dusk, the street is empty in minutes.

A few shops in the "safe" Ras Beirut district open when they dare, to sell Paris fashions, expensive chocolates and French pastries. A more common sight is the long lines of people in front of bakeries, hoping enough wheat has made it through the battle lines to give them their daily bread.

The tennis courts at the seaside Club Renaissance are crowded with players every day.

The 500,000 Beirutis left from a prewar population of more than 1 million do their best to keep up an air of ragged normality. No bank has been open for six months. The post office delivers no mail. But some essential services, including electricity, water and telephone, have surprisingly functioned without interruption.

Shortages of vital commodities plague rich and poor alike. The

uniforms: they go in for target families to seek shelter in basements or in "safe" protest rooms. When the shelling is the fear of kidnap or hold-up in the wide off the streets.

Only a half dozen restaurants are open, and their only patrons are guerrilla chiefs and report the guerrilla chiefs arrive in squads of heavily armed bodyguards, and after dinner they cognac and bring out their automatic pistols for all to admire.

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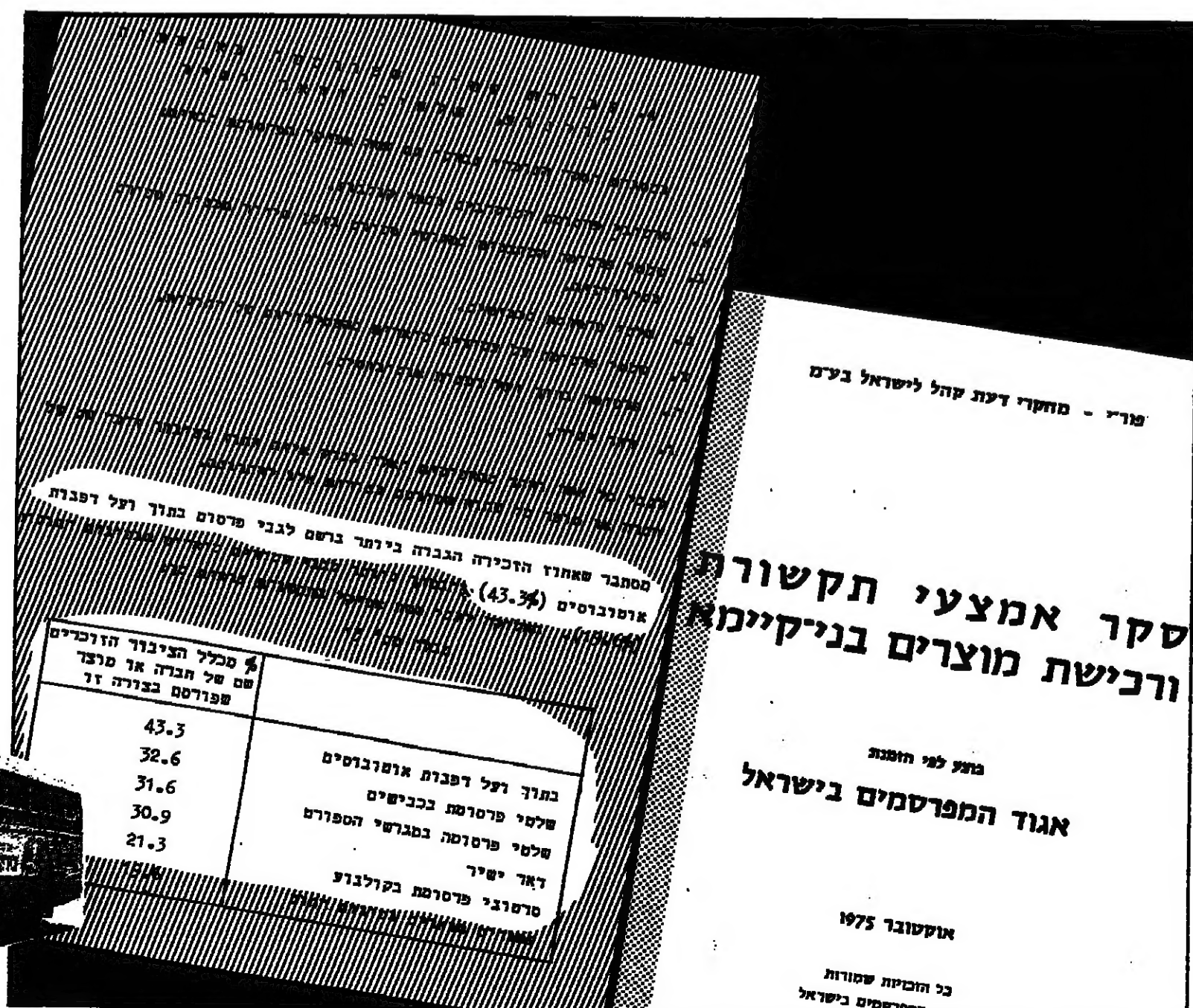
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PROFESSOR AUREL DAVID

The Law as science

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ESSENCE "The Law" is a set of rules governing the distribution of materials among human beings, according to Professor Aurel David, research Master in the National Centre of Scientific Research in Paris, who is in Israel as guest of the Technion. "The purpose of the law is to give everybody his due, not only of materials, but nowadays of such things as blood (through transfusion), organs, (through transplants)," he told The Post in an interview at the Haifa Zion Hotel, where he was staying with his wife.

Through the greater interaction between humans, made possible through modern travel and transportation methods, the distribution of goods is today much more important than it used to be. The issue has become even more complicated by the fact that "today you can buy not only goods, but intelligence. You can do this by buying a computer or a library of text-books which will improve your power of thinking," he stated.

For the time being, he added, one can buy only "secondary intelligence," the type of mechanical and technical information a computer can supply. He distinguishes between primary and secondary intelligence. Primary intelligence, "the power to choose a goal, or an objective, is available, fortunately perhaps, only to the human brain. The computer can, once you have chosen a goal, find the quickest and most efficient method of getting there, but this is secondary, mechanical intelligence."

He notes that "determining a goal can be achieved today only through inspiration of which only the human brain is capable. There is no thinking machine in existence that can determine a goal."

The modern methods of blood transfusion and organ transplants, have led some people with a philosophical turn of mind, to wonder whether human personality can be changed through multiple transplants. Is X, who has been fitted with the eyes, kidneys and heart of Y, still X, or has he become Y, or a third person?

Professor David, speaking from the point of view of the law, has no such doubts. "Under the law you are such who you are, and remain the same person, regardless of whether you

have acquired somebody else's watch, or trousers, or heart, or kidney. Your identity, the juridical you, is definitive under the law, whereas the 'goods' you acquire, whether a watch or a heart, are anonymous. You may be another person biologically, but you are the same person juridically."

In the future, when brain transplants may perhaps become possible, the question would have to be posed again, but we are as far away from brain transplants today, as the ancient Greeks who talked about atoms were from nuclear power plants," Professor David said.

The 67 year old specialist, who has written several books on the subject of "Juridical definition of the Human Being," and the nature of the law of the distribution of goods, is at present preparing a computerized lexicon of law, for two French Supreme Courts. He described himself as "a pure scientist, dealing neither in philosophy nor in metaphysics." His approach to the law and its problems is that "of a chess-player scientist: one-armed in the sense that I brook no 'on the other hand.' I believe in absolutes, as they are at our present stage of knowledge." He is convinced that with the aid of modern mathematics, logic, physics, chemistry and biology "it has now become possible to codify the sort of justice that will satisfy everybody because it will satisfy the fundamentals of human nature." This will replace the present system of law, where the decision is left, more or less, "to the inspiration of the judge." He has no time for philosophy, where the law is concerned. "Five philosophers will give you five opinions. Philosophy can persuade but not convince. Science can convince because its ruling can be verified by experimentation."

Professor David, who hopes to settle in Israel, or at least to establish a home here, noted that the "distribution of goods" which he contends is what the law is basically about, concerns human beings from the day they are born. "A baby sucking his mother's milk, is in fact a distribu-

tion of goods. The milk flows from the mother to her baby." He notes that the laws of the Old Testament, "which is about one-third Law and two-thirds Religion" concern themselves with the distribution of goods. "In my estimation, the law part of the Old Testament is the best law book ever written and can give us the most information about law. The latter five of the Ten Commandments, which are Law, still hold as good today as they did 4,000 years ago. They have stood the test of time and of scientific examination and lead one to the conclusion that even in law we do have constants. What Moses said on Mount Sinai is still good law for all mankind today and will still hold up in a modern court of law. It is marvellous for a non-believer to think what inspiration Moses must have had to lay down these laws. The believer has an easier task, since he accepts them as God-given," he noted. Professor David, who since the war has become observant himself, believes that the laws of the Old Testament are ideal in the sense that they are applicable law, even today, after humanity is assumed to have progressed for 4,000 years.

PROFESSOR DAVID believes that a new, scientific definition of the Law to govern the steadily increasing distribution of goods, has become an urgent necessity. "It we don't we shall soon have to revert to the old, bloody attitude formulated by the Germans 'Weisgeschichte is Weltgericht.' (History is the Law). If we leave the definitions to inspiration, we shall be inviting on to the world stage new Hitlers who will distribute goods on the basis of their own 'inspiration'." He feels the urgency because the exact sciences now enable jurists to define the judicial relationship between man and materials in a world that is filling up with men and materials, while the increasing interaction of people and materials imposes more and more legal restraints on the use of materials by people. "There are constants in law, just as there are electric charges in the electron, and always have been, long before they were discovered by men. Modern science enables us, I feel, to discover these constants, and create laws that will make the peaceful distribution of materials possible."

LONDON — Jeremy Thorpe's resignation from the leadership of the British Liberal Party has prompted an avalanche of regrets at his fall from office. His going, or rather the way he was seen to have been forced out, has certainly left his party in a battered state from which it will take it long to recover. The return of his predecessor, Jo Grimond to the party leadership he left in 1967 after 11 years in office, has highlighted the incapacity of the 13-member faction to provide an alternative to the two-party system dominating British politics.

Thorpe had managed to enhance the Liberals' prospects until they commanded six million votes in the 1974 elections, doubled their parliamentary faction and improved their financial state. They charge that were it not for the constituency electoral system, the Liberal Party would have a much larger number of MPs.

The losses sustained by the Liberals in local government elections, when they lost control of a major city like Liverpool, were among the final blows forcing Thorpe out.

But his position had been weakened by two scandals which hit the headlines almost simultaneously. First, he was entangled in the

Mark Segal / Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Politics as public entertainment

collapse of a private bank (London and County) on whose board he served as a director, and the official enquiry reprimanded him for giving his support to such a risky enterprise.

Then, at about the same time, a former male model, Norman Scott, on trial for defrauding the social welfare authorities, claimed to have had a homosexual relationship with Thorpe over 15 years ago. This was firmly denied by Thorpe, who continues to deny it. However, in the end Thorpe resigned, charging that he was victim of a witch hunt by the press.

Since then, the media have been full of arguments about the Thorpe case. One prevailing view is that he dithered too long, becoming the victim of his own prevarications. But there is also anger that in 1975 a political leader should have had to step down, not for any political

failure but because of a charge concerning his private life 15 years ago.

IT IS INTERESTING that in a society which has seen the margin of permissiveness extended so far in recent years, there is still little forgiveness for members of the Establishment who are found not to follow the old rules of conduct. Profumo was disgraced largely because he lied to Parliament over sharing a call girl with a Soviet diplomat, while another Conservative minister — Lord Jellicoe, also fell from power because of his extramarital affairs. The rule seems to be: Whatever you do, you must not be known to do it, but you can get away with it, as long as no one puts it into print.

Former Premier Wilson has charged South Africans with having engineered the scandal involving Thorpe, and at least one Labour MP,



Jeremy Thorpe

Paul Rose, claims to have documentary proof to back this up. One thing, however, is clear. The media have turned politics into another element of public entertainment, and the appetite for the sensational detail remains unsatisfied. That is perhaps one lesson to be learned from Jeremy Thorpe's case and why a number of first-class men and women keep clear of public life.

"Private faces in public places are far, far nicer than public faces in private places" may have had validity in those far-off days before the TV camera crept into everyone's homes. But it certainly does not seem to apply to today's world.

The fight to clean Europe's rivers

By DAVID ROBBIE
PARIS

BEFORE LONG the River Tiber will be as clean as it was in the days of Julius Caesar, say authorities in Rome. And in Britain, fishermen are back on the banks of the Thames and eating their catch with great gusto. But in spite of several clean-up programmes, most of the other great rivers in Europe — especially the Seine at Rouen, the Danube at Vienna and the Rhine generally — remain dangerously polluted.

All European nations have declared their intention to clean up their rivers, but in many cases the plans are still talking points and have so far failed to get off the ground. Damage ranges from the lowly inedible fish caught in the Seine to the gradual ruin of breeding waters of the caviar-bearing beluga sturgeon off the Soviet coast in the north Caspian Sea.

Britain was the first European country to launch a serious ecological war and British rivers are now claimed to be the cleanest in Europe. Officials say that about 70 species of fish have returned to the Thames and fishermen are now back in action in the estuary. Only a decade ago, the Thames was so polluted that it was closed for breeding fish.

Now, five new boats put out to sea each day to dump about 20,000 tons of treated sewage residue that would normally have been poured into the river in the past. Today no raw sewage enters the Thames anywhere along its 340 km. length. About £200 million has been invested in Britain over the last decade and a half in the



These Hamburg boys are not having much luck fishing in the polluted river.

building of more modern sewage plants and the installation of a quality control computer for rivers.

Italy is following Britain's lead, mainly in Rome where results have been impressive since the construction of two treatment plants with two more to be built. But elsewhere in Italy the fight is lagging.

Cash and political problems have held up efforts to produce a cleaner Rhine, which flows through France, Holland, Switzerland and West Germany. Flowing through a region inhabited by about 28 million people, the Rhine is the main source of drinking water and sewage disposal for the cities along its banks as well as being a major transport artery. The river has often been dubbed Europe's "largest open sewer."

A special joint agency has been working for the last four years to draw up a combined plan of action to control the river's two worst sources of pollution — salt from French

potash mines and chemicals from West Germany's huge industrial companies. However, so far nothing has been achieved.

The four countries had decided to share the cost of storing French salt pollutants, with the Dutch paying a third of the bill, France and West Germany contributing 30 per cent each and the Swiss footing the rest. Then the countries balked when the French forecast the bill would be about £80 million — or the original budget 10 times over.

France, a late starter in the field of ecology, has been waging its campaign by splitting the country into six regions for water development, allocating £160 million for a seven-year plan ending this year. As a result, more treatment plants have been built in the country in the last five years than existed before and officials claim that they have prevented pollution from getting worse. The Seine is particularly bad

in Paris and in the congested industrial area of Rouen where no fish are edible.

Meanwhile, the Danube has inherited the problems of all the seven countries through which it flows or skirts. The worst offenders range from nuclear power plants with water-cooled reactors to industrial plants. Previously, there had been little action to keep the river clean but now three treatment plants are being installed by Austria.

Probably the most polluted river in Europe is the Volga. Only in recent years has the Soviet Union faced up to the problem and already the once-rich fishing and caviar industries, near where the river gorges its filthy muck into the Caspian, have been nearly destroyed. However, four years ago, an impressive £480 million plan to clean up the Volga and the Ural was launched. Results achieved so far have been rather mixed. (Gemini)

IN MEMORIAM

SAMUEL BELKIN

RABBI Dr. Samuel Belkin, who died on April 18 at the age of 64, was a warm and compassionate man, a brilliant scholar, inspiring teacher and a respected authority on Talmudic law and Hellenistic literature. But his place in Jewish history was secured by the academic development and physical growth of Yeshiva University which he charted and directed as President for 32 years.

Under his dynamic leadership, the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Yeshiva and Yeshiva College attained university status, the student body grew from 850 to 7,000, the full-time faculty from 94 to 1,500, the number of schools and affiliates from 4 to 15, the annual operating budget from \$444,000 to more than \$100,000,000, physical facilities from one building to four major campuses and degree recipients from a few hundred to more than 18,000, of whom almost 1,000 are now living in Israel. During his pioneering administration there came into being, for the first time under Jewish auspices in America, a liberal arts college for women as well as graduate schools in medicine, social work, law, science

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and the humanities and social sciences.

Born in Swalica, Poland, Belkin arrived in the U.S. at the age of 18, after having studied at the Yeshivot of Slonim, Mir and Radin where he was ordained. Six years later, in 1935, he had gained a Ph. D. from Brown University and been elected to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He served for several years as an instructor in Greek at Yeshiva College and as a member of the Talmud faculty of the Yeshiva. He was appointed Dean of the Yeshiva in 1941 and in 1943 was elected President — at 32 the youngest college president in the U.S.

Dr. Belkin's guiding principles and convictions served as the basis for the expansion programme he launched at Yeshiva University. Thus Judaic studies were always to be "the heart of the entire univer-

sity." He believed in a synthesis between the Hebrew concepts of the moral and spiritual values of society and the culture and civilization of the West. And he believed that a religious minority should contribute to the welfare of the entire community.

As a result, he established at Yeshiva University various graduate schools, which are open to students regardless of race, religion or colour. The University trained leaders steeped in Judaism and at home in Western culture through its various institutions. Yeshiva University's current student body of 7,000 includes 4,500 young men and women who study Torah regularly.

Those who like me — were privileged to know Rabbi Dr. Samuel Belkin "R", to study under him, and to work closely with him, will forever remember him for his wisdom, the charm of his personality and his saintly character. The entire Jewish world is in debt to this restless dreamer who nevertheless had determination and the drive to make his dreams come true. May his memory be eternally blessed.

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Challenge for the army

THE ARMY'S decision to open a thorough inquiry into the latest cases in which West Bank residents, both rioters and bystanders, have been accidentally shot to death has been widely welcomed. But it should also be expanded to cover the entire question of the army's proper purpose and conduct in the administered territories.

The working premise seems to be that the country's security forces must demonstrate their unmistakable presence throughout the West Bank as the only way to discourage potential troublemakers and to maintain law and order. Paradoxically, this works fairly well in times of relative tranquillity, but fails as a means of checking rising unrest. In fact, the very sight of uniformed Israelis can serve as an invitation to riotous disturbance, whose suppression only helps feed a continuous cycle of violence.

The main arteries of communication running through the territories must, of course, be kept open, and there is no brooking any interference with interurban traffic. But it is by no means evident that any useful national interest is being served by having the army patrol every nook and cranny in every Arab town, and chase after every nimble group of stone-hurling youth.

A policy of judiciously benign neglect would leave the inhabitants to stew in their own juice, as it were. This might also induce some of the more responsible elements in the local population to rethink their present tactic of sending their sons and daughters to do battle with troops.

As it is, the troops are there, fighting the kind of battle for which most of them have never been technically trained nor mentally prepared. In contrast to the Border Police, the regular military units know little or nothing of the art of quelling riots. They have been taught to face an armed enemy, and to go out and destroy him. Here they must engage in alley warfare with unruly mobs of unarmed civilians.

They are under strict orders not to use excessive violence. They must not use fire-arms except when their lives are patently endangered, and then they must first fire warning shots into the air. Considering the amount of provocation to which these troops have been subjected, we may well admire their discipline and self-restraint.

But it is now obvious that in many cases standing orders have either been ignored or given loose interpretation; and that too much leeway has been allowed the troops, with the open or tacit acquiescence of officers, to simply vent their fears or frustrations on the local people.

Perhaps the greatest danger which this poses to Israel is the demoralizing effect on the troops — the young recruits, the older reservists, the regular army men — who are engaged in what is really a police function. Not less perilous, however, is the impact of the deteriorating situation in the West Bank on friendly public opinion abroad; and it is idle to argue that the impact would be greatly minimized if only foreigners paid more attention to the infinitely more savage brutalities going on in Lebanon, or if the army's public relations machinery were less tardy and heavy handed.

But the most immediate question before us is how to prevent the incessant confrontation between the army and the Arab civilians from making a shambles, with dread results, of the whole structure of coexistence so laboriously built up in the West Bank over the past nine years.

ISRAEL PRESS

'No call for conscience pangs'

MA'ARIV (Independent), remarking that "road blockers and attackers of vehicles in Judea and Samaria must know that they are risking their lives by embarking on violence, and there is no call for Israeli conscience pangs," concludes on a moderately stern note: "The primary duty of the Military Government and the security forces is to ensure calm and the rule of law in Judea and Samaria. If the measures now being adopted are insufficient, there are many possible means of defence which have not yet been tried. To effect this, there is no need to kill people. But there is need for sternness, wisdom and flexibility, enabling fast adaptation to any change of tactics by the foe."

YEDIOT AHAONOT (Independent), noting that the security forces' conception regarding the West Bank elections — that order would eventually be restored — had been proven wrong, and that a further conception by the security forces — that restraint in dealing with the conflagration would impress and pacify the "arabists" — had also failed, urges the Defence Minister to set aside all such conceptions "and intervene in order to put an end to the avalanche by all means possible."

HARETZ (Independent) says that "no army trains its regular troops for such tasks as dispersing riots, removing roadblocks, and so forth. These tasks rightly belong to the police. The fact that the Israeli Army has been called in, and on occasion has had to use force, does not imply any disregard for the strict orders governing cases when it is

permissible to open fire. At the same time the military authorities should consider what can be done to quell disturbances without causing injury. Various means short of actually opening fire have been used effectively in other countries." Summing up the situation, the paper says that Israel cannot tolerate disturbances in the territories. The long-term solution, however, must be sought in the political sphere.

DAVAR (Histadrut) says "all reasonable people regret deeply the death of the youth in the refugee camp near Kalandia and that of the girl in Nabulus. It is certainly not the policy of the Israeli Administration that during demonstrations, however unruly, bullets fly and civilians are hurt. At the same time it is essential that an orderly Israeli Administration be maintained until a political settlement is reached. This responsibility must not be shirked. The question is, what can be done to prevent bloodshed in future disturbances? A situation must be created whereby squeezing the trigger is not the sole reaction available to a soldier under attack. Other ways of quelling disturbances must and can be found."

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VIEWPOINT

THE YOM KIPPUR WAR popularised a Hebrew word, *mehdal*, which has no exact equivalent in English. It connotes a shortcoming arising out of insouciance, a feeble error of omission. For all its linguistic distinctness, it is by no means peculiar to Israel. Fallibility is human, universal. The difference between us and other nations, however, is that our fall-safe margin is so much narrower than theirs.

There is one *mehdal* which has persisted over the years, but which we cannot afford to ignore any longer. For it imperils Israel's very existence. We have neglected to publicise the truth about the Jewish Return to Zion, and have allowed a pernicious myth to capture the minds not only of the world at large but even of many of our own people.

The myth is that we Israeli Jews are persecutee-turned-persecutors, a horde of refugees who became invaders and drove the Palestinian Arabs out of their millennial homeland, doing so on the strength of a biblical title-deed that has long since lapsed.

The truth is something else again, substantiated to the hilt by abundant documentary evidence of non-Jewish origin. European and American travellers, pilgrims and explorers — that is what many of them called themselves, explorers — who wrote books and learned papers about their visits to the Holy Land in the nineteenth century, were unanimous in describing it as an all-but-empty place of desolation. Only heaps of ruins remained as a reminder of former glories, of once-

If the Arabs are not bent on destroying Israel, it is up to them to prove it, writes MAURICE CARR. And Zionists must correct a long-standing "mehdal": the failure to publicize the truth about the Return to Zion.

Of myths and Munichs

cultivated soil supporting millions upon millions of inhabitants. From the splendid past there was but one sizeable, albeit decadent city left — Jerusalem, with a pauperish Jewish majority. For the rest, the erstwhile land of milk and honey had, within its ancient borders — that is, on both sides of the river Jordan and including chunks of present-day Syria and Lebanon — a population of 400,000, no more!

Such was the situation when in the eighties of the last century a new kind of Jew arrived on the scene, one who was prepared not just to pray but to work by the sweat of his brow for redemption. The Jewish pioneer entered neither by stealth nor by force of arms. If he wanted to punish himself, even perish, in his endeavours to reclaim the wilderness, why, that was his business, his funeral!

Had Eretz Yisrael or Palestine — what's in a name? — been a country even a tenth part as settled and ten times as poor as, say, Turkey proper or Greece or Spain, there would have been no room for the Jewish new-

comer. But thanks to what the secular mind will regard as a historical fluke whilst the religious detect in it the hand of Providence, after nearly two millennia of Jewish Exile the Promised Land lay fallow and vacant, ready for the Jewish Return.

THE SUCCESSFUL Jewish pioneers attracted immigrants, only a few of whom were Jews from distant Europe, while many more were Arabs from all around. It was a numerically unequal contest, which the Arabs would have won hands down had they not committed, not a *mehdal* but a crime, a series of crimes that misfired. They refused to tolerate the Jewish minority, they perpetrated pogroms under the British Mandatory regime and, finally, in 1948, when a pathetically puny Jewish State was proclaimed in a partitioned Eretz Yisrael, the surrounding Arab States sent in armies openly bent on genocide. To clear the terrain for would-be total destruction of the Jews, the Egyptians, Jordanians, Syrians, Saudi Arabians et al summoned the Palestinian Arabs

to move out until the slaughter was over.

Our twentieth century civilisation has established firm rules for accomplished acts of genocide. The perpetrators are materially treated with utmost respect, although idle protests by word or gesture are perfectly in order. Thus, post-Auschwitz Germany has been helped to develop unparalleled economic prosperity; Iraq is all the richer for its oil being mined with the blood of the Kurds. But the comity of nations has not quite known how to react to a failed attempt at honest-to-goodness genocide. What is the correct attitude to adopt towards the Arabs?

The Arabs have regained international esteem by their constancy, their steadfastness. Again and again, in a hundred different ways, they have repeated their pledge to do away with Israel. Their latest forerunner, put forth by wily President Sadat of Egypt, is "an end to belligerence in return for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territory and full restoration of the Palestinians' rights." This is open to two interpretations.

Since Mr. Sadat publicly backs PLO ideology, evacuation of "all occupied Arab territory and restoration of the Palestinians' rights in effect the disappearance of Israel. But for tactical purposes an initial step towards this can be misunderstood as an offer of peace for an Israeli pull-back to pre-Six Day War frontiers. Here over again is the Munich game like the Fuehrer whom he so admired, Mr. Sadat is making "last territorial claim."

OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS, even an intelligent man like Pierre Mendes-France, assure that this is not so. Well, who knows they may even be right. Perhaps consideration of Israel's plight would give us a glimmer of insight. But the onus of proving this rests on Messrs. Arafat, Yasser Arafat, & Co. I can do so by proving the willingness to recognise and live with the Jewish State and demilitarise sensitive areas a prelude to all-round disarmament. Who can doubt that we Israeli 999 out of 1,000 Israelis — will gladly trade territory for peace, real peace, enduring peace? But in no circumstances will we submit to Munich. South Vietnamese! There is little danger of that. We are threatened with a 1938-mo Czechoslovakia, but without the offer of recovery, of resurrection, sue Prague experienced. A *mehdal* Benes-style? Genuine peace? By all means!

READERS' LETTERS

POLITICS AND RELIGION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A lot has been said in the press and the media about my appointment to the Jerusalem Religious Council and its subsequent cancellation. As a matter of fact, I did not even know that my name had been put forward as a potential member of the Religious Council until 24 hours before the news broke in the media.

Since my two sons fell in defence of their faith and country, I find solace in giving spiritual help to other bereaved parents, without getting involved in politics and intrigues. The fact that my name was implicated in political intrigue has caused great sorrow and distress to me and my family.

Here are the facts: the Secretary of the Progressive (Reform) Movement summoned me urgently and told me that he expected to receive imminent written notification from the Ministry of Religious Affairs about my appointment to the Religious Council on behalf of the Independent Liberal Party. I immediately requested him for a stay of action to give me time for reflection. Next morning, I told him I was not a member of the Independent Liberals and did not want to represent a political party in the Religious Council. Imagine my astonishment next day to hear about my appointment and the denial of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

I must respectfully inform you that none of the three parties involved — the Independent Liberals, the Progressive Movement and the Ministry of Religious Affairs — ever consulted me, although it is well known that I am opposed to mixing politics and religion. I have often repeated my firm conviction that it is impossible to object to the politicization of religion and at the same time collaborate with a secular party in order to become a member of the Religious Council.

Rabbi MOSES CYRUS WEILER Jerusalem.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It has long been contended that politicians make strange bedfellows. Additional proof was provided by the advertisement of encouragement given to Hashomer Hatzair and M.K. Eliaz by some U.S. rabbis (May 9). What a paradox: the "defenders of the proletariat" supported by the purveyors of the "opiate of the masses!"

Your readers should be aware that many of the names which appeared on the ad are the leaders of a group called "Eretz" whose aim and purpose over the last few years has been to downgrade the priority of Israel in the American Jewish community.

Has the Zionism of Hashomer Hatzair undergone such a radical change that they are willing to join with the non-Zionists and even anti-Zionists?

JOSEF REISS Jerusalem.

SUPPORT FOR KISHON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — G-d bless Ephraim Kishon for his article "The Israel Post" (May 13). Let us hope his article will remind all Israelis and all who love Israel what Israel is all about.

B. LANGFORD Jerusalem.

THE CASE FOR AXEL SPRINGER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — It is not easy to follow the logic of Dr. Herbert S. Levine's letter (May 11). Israel should not honour Axel Springer, who has helped us in a concrete manner in the past and is doing so now, because this might antagonize those "who are most likely to be genuine friends of Israel," but did nothing so far to prove it.

It is this kind of crooked logic which made us help Libya become a UN member and which eventually lost us the sympathy of all black Africa, in spite of our enormous efforts. How far can we bend over backwards to prove that our real friends are those who may perhaps, sometime in the future, give us a benevolent smile?

I say, let us talk to everybody who wants to talk to us, let us be friends with everybody who wants to be friends with us, let us trade with everybody who wants to trade with us. And let us stop pretending our enemies of today will be our real friends tomorrow.

Dr. H. POLLAK Nahariya.

Sir, — In his attack on Axel Springer, Dr. Herbert S. Levine writes that "this friendship (i.e. Springer's friendship for Israel) has largely been based on a belief that Israel is essential to blocking Communist advances in the Middle East. But the anti-Communist argument has also been used to justify arms sales to Saudi Arabia."

One is immediately tempted to ask who used this argument, since the implication is that it was done by the Springer papers. This is not the case. At the time the issue of arms supplies to Saudi Arabia was debated in Germany, the Springer papers opposed it.

Springer has never concealed his anti-Communist convictions, but I do not see why they should invalidate his friendship for Israel.

And if, as Dr. Levine asserts, the younger element in Germany regards Springer "as the symbol of German political reaction," then it is their error and their problem.

EDWARD LYNN Jerusalem.

ISRAEL BONDS AND THE TOURIST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read David Krivine's article on crooked dollars with interest. Whilst, from an Israeli nationalist point of view, it is to everyone's advantage to stem the flow of hard currency from the country, it has been my impression that, from an individual standpoint, it is imperative to obtain the best possible benefit for one's cash, and that the official rate of exchange is regarded with cynicism as suited only for tourists.

Hence I can view with sympathy the efforts of Israeli economists to set up road blocks to illegal exchange of dollars and other currencies.

However, the Treasury proposal to give an official discount for dollars paid for hotel rooms, selected shops and restaurants is, I maintain, liable to be counter-productive and have an unlooked for backlash. I refer to their millions in the U.S.A. and Canada by Jews anxious to give additional support to Israel over and

above their donations to Israel. The bonds give an interest of four per cent which is ludicrously low at the present rate of investment return. Thus it is clear that they are not purchased as a significant investment, they are purchased to help Israel, any one of the selling points of the bonds is that they can be spent in Israel when one visits there.

I, like many others, take bonds to Israel and convert them to Israeli pounds and use them to pay hotel and restaurants bills and for shopping. Now, however, this method of helping Israel is to be penalized and the proceeds of the bonds will not have the purchasing power of the dollars used to buy them.

The only solution which makes any sense would be to have Israel Bonds convertible into the currency in which they were purchased — in Israel.

HIRSH KEIDAN London, Ont., Canada.

THE RIGHTS OF A WIFE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Mrs. Lankin has focused on a very serious topic in her Viewpoint, "The Good of the children in a divorce case" (April 22).

Unfortunately, Mrs. Yundoff is not the only woman who has had to see the needs of her children receiving perfunctory attention from the courts. We have the names of many women who have been in the same sad situation.

As long as religious courts require mutual consent as a precondition to the granting of a divorce, either party can be blackmailed by an unscrupulous partner. Every human being has a breaking point; many a desperate woman has signed her children away when she was no longer able to bear the continued torture of a bad marriage and sometimes when the child itself is

obviously suffering irreparable damage of even being used as a weapon against her. "Consent" is thus obtained, the letter of the law is satisfied, but irreparable damage has been done to those who are least to blame.

Are civil courts any more just? A district court judge recently awarded the joint property acquired during years of marriage to the husband only, leaving the middle-aged wife penniless. Has she no rights? Is she not entitled to compensation for years of hard labour as a wife, housekeeper, cook, nursemaid? Why is every worker in this country apart from a wife entitled to severance pay?

League for Women's Rights in the Courts

Klar Yona

HOW TO DEAL WITH RAKAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In reply to M. Sanders' call to outlaw Rakah (April 25), I would like to correct the writer on the status of the Communist Party in the U.S. It is completely legal and its candidate (Gus Hall) appears on the ballot in the presidential elections every four years. The 1946 Yorchis Act prohibits any political party from being affiliated with a foreign

power, forcing the U.S. Communist Party to drop out of the Comintern before that organization broke up in the fifties. All members of the U.S. Communist Party are registered with the F.B.I.

I agree with M. Sanders in urging that Israel acts along similar lines when dealing with Rakah. THOMAS MITCHELL Kibbutz Hanita.

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